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FERNS AND FERN-ALLIES OF MEGHALAYA STATE, INDIA, by A. K. Baishya and R. R. Rao. Scientific Publishers, Jodhpur, India. viii + 161 pp. 1982. Rs. 100.—Meghalaya State is a portion of what was formerly called Assam. It occupies more than 22,000 square kilometers and lies north of Bangladesh and south of the Himalayas in northeastern India. The topography is diverse and ranges from 100 to 1990 m in elevation. Vegetation types include evergreen and semi-evergreen forests, deciduous forests, subtropical pine forests, grasslands, and temperate forests. Terrestrial, lithophilic, and epiphytic ferns are found. The pteridophytes number 256 species in 91 genera, a rich and diverse flora. None of the genera has more than 20 species; the largest are *Selaginella* and *Asplenium*. The present volume includes keys to the families, genera, and species, synonymies, descriptions, habitat and range notes in the Flora area, an interesting introduction, a bibliography, and an index. Some of the species are illustrated with photographs or line drawings. The keys seem well constructed. The book will be of interest to all who deal with the ferns of India and the surrounding region. The book is available from United Book Traders, Opposite Police Lines, Ratanada, Jodhpur 342001, India. The U.S. price of \$20.00 far exceeds the rupee price.—D.B.L.